THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAMNIWAs MIRDHA) : (a) 9 nationalised and one managed unit of NTC made profit in 1985-86. 42 nationalised units and 16 managed units have been incurring continuous los-ses.

(b) and (c) No final decision has been taken to close down any NTC mills so far.

(d) Some of the important ' steps being taken to improve the performance of the mills under NTC are given below:—

(i) Periodic review of the working of the subsidiaries at the Holding Company/Government level;

(ii) Greater enforcement of ac countability of top managers;

(iii) Millwise study of reasons of losses in heavily losing mills;

(iv) Selective modernisation pro-gramme/strategies have been adopted for resutling oriented gains within available resources;

(v) Efforts are being made to im-'plement workers' participation scheme in the management of all mills under NTC;

(vi) To overcome the power shortage, self-generating capacity has been increased;

(vii) Rationalisation of labour • without tears and control on employment of labour in mills; (viii) Strict control and supervision over the operations of the mills;

(ix) Improvement in product-mix;

(x) Infusing better / management at all levels;.

(xi) Identifying the mills as profit centres and delegation of power and authority ' to the General Managers of the mills with responsibility for performance;

(xii) Bringing about economy in administrative expenses; and

(xiii) Strict control and supervision on the filling up of vacant posts.

National Safety Council

1583. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased ;to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the adverse news reports on the working,of National Safety Council (NSC) as reported in the *Times of India* of the 26th January, 1987;

(b) whether necessary corrective steps will be taken to ensure that academicians are not debarred from attending and contributing to such Conferences due to high registration fees and other inhibitions; and

(c) whether the work of the NSC is being reviewed to ensure industrial safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) and (b) The Govt, have seen the news-item entitled 'Industrial Safety NSC's Failure 'which appeare'd in the *Times of lndia* dated 26.1.1987. The National Safety Council, Bombay is a registered Society and a Public Trust registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1960 and the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950 respectively. The Council manages its affairs independently. The news-item has been brought to the notice of the Council.

(c) There is no proposal to review the work of the National Safety Council.

Sale of Bill Forms by NDMC as 'Raddi

1584. SHRI NT. S. GURUPADA SWAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Electri city Bill forms of the New Delhi Mu nicipal Committee have been disposed of as 'old papers' recently;

(b) if so, how many forms were sold fas 'raddi;

(c) what are the reasons for this sale of new forms?